

**GNB Incorporated**

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Region II  
26 Federal Plaza, Room 747  
New York, New York 10278

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Attn: Kerwin Donats  
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

Re: NL Industries Superfund Site, Pedricktown, NJ  
Request for information pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 9604 and  
42 U.S.C. Section 6927

Response to questions on Attachment B, Request for Information:

QUESTION #1: 'No'

**Listing of contributing sources of information:**

All operating divisions of GNB and operating plants in the market area in the United States were requested to conduct a search of their respective business records. Information from these searches support the negative response to question #1. Individuals contacted and the documents searched are listed below.

Individuals Contacted Were: (All are current employees of GNB Incorporated)

Automotive Battery Division, Finance Department, Cecelia A. Pike

Automotive Battery Division, Dunmore Plant, Dunmore, PA

Supply and Distribution Division, Finance Department, Duane Jost

Industrial Battery Division, William F. Taylor

Supply and Distribution Division, Traffic Department, Patrick E. Condon

Automotive Battery Division, Orlando, Florida Plant, Clay M. Shimeall

Automotive Battery Division, Lynchburg, Virginia Plant, Louis Ring

Documents Searched: (No documents relating to subject site in 1983 or 1984 were located, so none are enclosed.)

Automotive Battery Division, Dunmore, Pennsylvania, Scrap Shipment Log Book

Automotive Battery Division, Orlando, Florida, Trip Manifest Records and weekly Lead and Oxide Report Records

Automotive Battery Division, Finance Department Trip Manifest Reports  
and Lead Invoices

Industrial Battery Division, Accounting Department Cash Receipts  
records

Supply and Distribution Division, Metals Finance Department, Cash  
Receipts Records

Identification of Corporation

June 3, 1982: GNB Batteries Inc. formed as a wholly-owned subsidiary  
of Gould Inc.

January 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984: GNB Batteries Inc. operated by  
Gould Inc.

April 1, 1984: GNB Batteries Inc. became a separate, privately held  
corporation as a result of Gould divesting its battery operations.

April 1, 1984 to December 31, 1984: Company operated as GNB  
Batteries Inc.

January 24, 1985: GNB Batteries Inc. changed its name to GNB  
Incorporated.

President and CEO: Stanley N. Gaines

Agent for service of process in New Jersey: CT Corporation

Date and State of Incorporation: June 3, 1982, Delaware

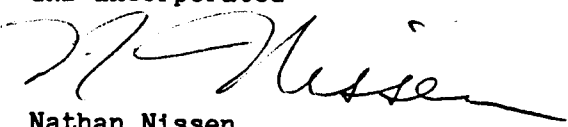
During the period in question, 1983 to 1984, GNB sold batteries in New  
Jersey.

Question #2: Not applicable, based on negative answer to question #1

Question #3: Not applicable, based on negative answer to question #1

Very truly yours,

GNB Incorporated

  
Nathan Nissen  
Environmental Engineer

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EPA Request for Information  
Shipment of Hazardous Substances, Pollutants or Contaminants  
to the NL Industries Site

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CERTIFICATION OF ANSWERS TO THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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I hereby affirm and certify under penalty of perjury that the following facts are true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- a. That I have personally examined and am familiar with all the information provided herein in response to the EPA Request for Information.
- b. That all the answers contained herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my information and belief;
- c. That all documents contained herein are complete and authentic unless otherwise indicated; and
- d. That in the preparation of the responses contained herein, I have contacted and discussed the issues contained in the EPA Request for Information with all present and former employees and agents of the company whom I have reason to believe may have been familiar with any information concerning the shipment of any hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants to the NL Industries Site and with any of the issues and questions contained in this Request.

I am aware that substantial fines and penalties, including imprisonment, exist for submitting false, misleading, or inaccurate information in response to this Request for Information.

I am also aware that my company is under a continuing obligation to submit to EPA any additional information which comes to its attention which would either supplement or modify any of its responses to this questionnaire.

Frank X. Beaudette

**Name of Corporate Official**

Executive Vice President of Finance and Treasurer

**Title**

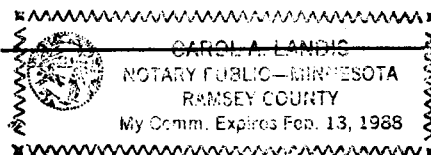
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**Address**

**Notary:**

Carol A. Landis

**My commission expires:**



*Frank X. Beaudette*

**Signature**

November 9, 1987

**Date**

612/681-5000

**Phone Number**

*Eric [unclear]*

ATTACHMENT B

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
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1. Did your company cause or arrange for the transportation, treatment (including recycling), storage or disposal of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants at the site during 1983 or 1984, the approximate period of time that National Smelting of New Jersey, Inc. ("NSNJ") owned and operated the site, including but not limited to the following lead-bearing materials?
  - (a) spent lead batteries;
  - (b) cable lead;
  - (c) scrap lead;
  - (d) battery, plate and cable lead;
  - (e) lead concentrates;
  - (f) ceramic glazing residue;
  - (g) "Linotype"; and
  - (h) photographic film shielding.
2. If your answer to Request No. 1., above, is yes, describe each instance or act of transportation, treatment (including recycling), storage or disposal of such hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, including lead-bearing materials, relating to the site during 1983 or 1984, providing the following information for each such instance or activity, if known:
  - (a) precise location, including pick-up and delivery locations;
  - (b) exact dates;
  - (c) identification, by chemical name if possible, of all hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, including lead-bearing materials and all related materials such as drums or containers;
  - (d) identification of each related corporation or other business entity and the nature of such relationship, including the names and addresses of all transporters used;
  - (e) identification of each individual that you have some reason to believe may have been associated with or may have had first-hand knowledge of each such instance or activity (and the basis for that belief);

(f) the quantity (by weight and volume to the extent possible) of all such hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, including lead-bearing materials, transported, treated, disposed of or stored.

3. If your answer to Request No. 1., above, is yes, state the total quantity (by weight and volume to the extent possible) of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, including lead-bearing material, transported, treated, recycled, stored or disposed of at the site during 1983 or 1984, and identify each such hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant.